



Social, Group, and Identity Determinants of Well-Being and Health

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Message from the Guest Editors

For decades, research from different disciplines has accumulated data and solid arguments that show an association between social factors and well-being and health. Such social factors include group membership, interpersonal and close relationships, intergroup relations, or social identities, which generate feelings of social integration, and opportunities for cooperation; provide social connectedness and social support networks; facilitate experiences of connection with the world; and reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation. In short, social bonds provide social resources and generate social capital.

Today's societies are facing important threats, such as the increase in life expectancy and the progressive aging of the population; the need to face the health, economic, and labor challenges generated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and the need to adopt healthy habits and lifestyles to reduce the risk of chronic, disabling, or fatal diseases.





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